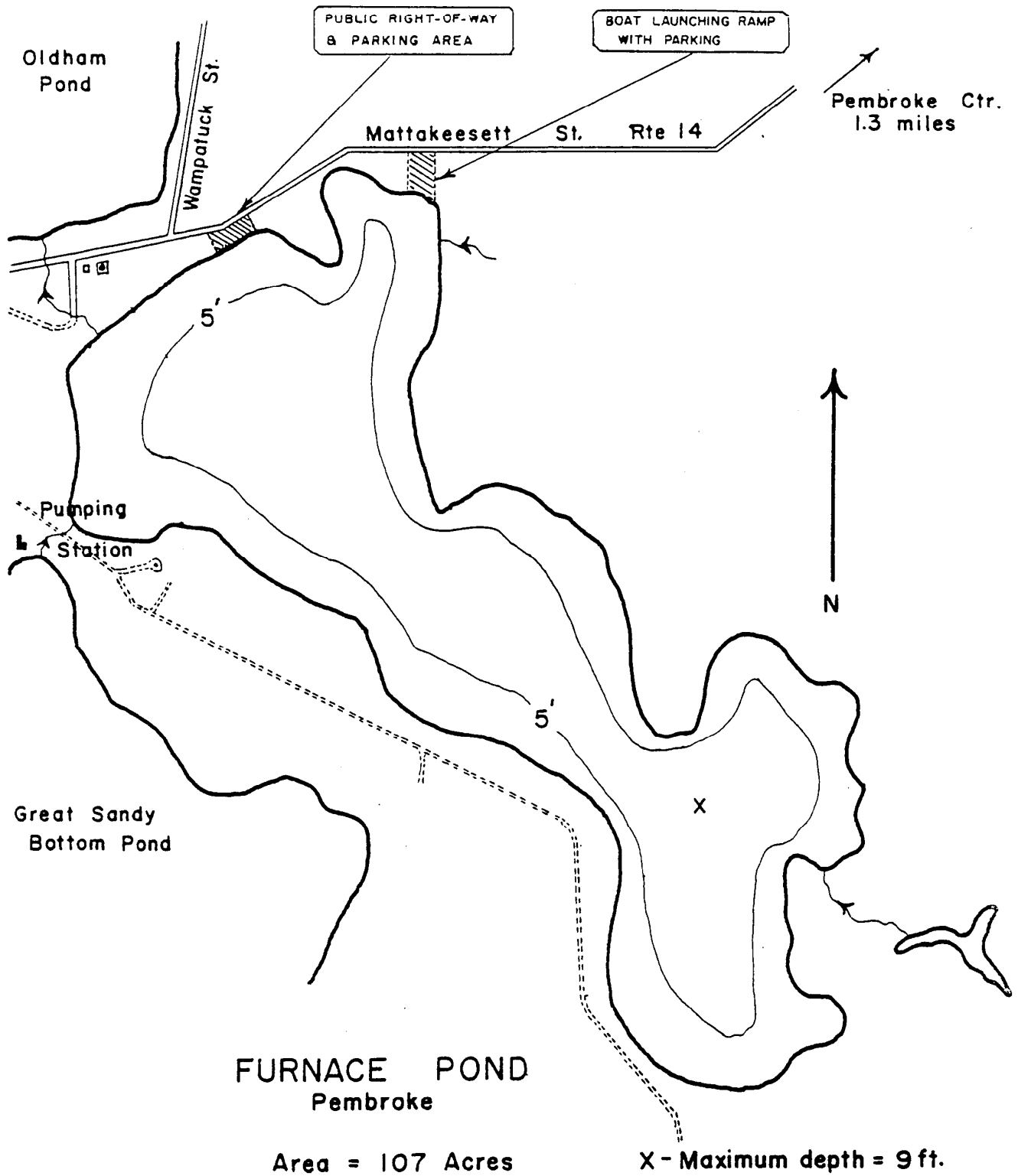


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## **FURNACE POND (Pembroke)**

### **General Information:**

Furnace Pond is a fertile, 107-acre natural great pond with an average depth of five feet and a maximum depth of nine feet. It drains into the North River. The bottom is composed primarily of mud, and aquatic vegetation is extremely abundant. Most of the shoreline has been lost to residential development.

The pond is readily accessible from Route 14, about 1.3 miles west of Pembroke center. A town right-of-way provides parking for 10 vehicles on Mattakeesett Street (Route 14).

The name Furnace Pond dates back to about 1702, when one of Plymouth Colony's first blast furnaces was constructed nearby. Bog iron raked from the pond and nearby bogs was smelted and cast into pots, kettles and other utensils.

### **Fish Populations:**

The pond was last sampled in September of 1994. , Including largemouth bass, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, golden shiner, alewife and American eel.

### **Fishing:**

Furnace Pond has long supported a reputation as an excellent largemouth bass fishery. Largemouths are clearly the dominant gamefish, and they are of large average size. Lunkers in the five to seven pound range are frequently reported. The abundant weed growth makes them difficult to catch throughout the summer and fall months, but those who have mastered the use of weedless gear can expect good catches.

Don't overlook the panfish in this pond, however. The white perch are abundant and have good average size. This is also a good pond for crappie (calicos), which are also abundant and of large average size.

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